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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SALE OF US ENRICHED URANIUM TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 86137; ADDIS ABABA 4471; AND DAR ES SALAAM 1098 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: FONMIN OFFICIAL APOLOGIZED FOR INTEMPERATENESS  
RECENT EDITORIAL IN TANGOV NEWSPAPER ON SUPPLY US ENRICHED  
URANIUM TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE ACCEPTED US EXPLANATION OF  
BACKGROUND US-SOUTH AFRICA COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT.  
TANZANIA INTENDS CRITICIZE ALL NATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT MAINTAIN  
ONGOING ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN ACCORD OAU  
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DECISION REACHED HERE LAST WEEK. RECEIPT PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE

GUIDANCE FACILITATED DAMPENING DOWN IN THIS INSTANCE  
TANZANIA SUSPICIONS US-SOUTH AFRICA COOPERATION IN  
ATOMIC ENERGY, BUT TANZANIAN SENSITIVITIES IN THIS  
REGARD REMAIN. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING CALL ON BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR EUROPE-AMERICAS  
DIVISION OF FONMIN, APRIL 15 DCM PROTESTED CHARACTERIZATION  
OF US IN EDITORIAL IN DAILY NEWS APRIL 14 AS IMPERIALIST  
EXPLOITER AND PRESENTED FACTS CONCERNING US SUPPLY OF URANIUM  
FUEL TO SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1957. GAVE MUGANDA ON SEPARATE PIECE  
OF PAPER POINTS OUTLINED PARA FOUR STATE REFTEL. STRESSED TO  
MUGANDA IT IS ONE THING FOR WASHINGTON POST TO PRINT SPECULATIVE  
STORY BASED ON CONGRESSMAN'S PRESS RELEASE. IT IS ANOTHER  
FOR TANGOV NEWSPAPER TO NOT ONLY REPEAT SUBSTANCE THIS  
STORY, WITHOUT BOTHERING TO VERIFY ACCURACY, BUT TO EXTRAPO-  
LATE FROM THAT STORY EVEN FURTHER AND IMPLY LINKAGES THAT  
DO NOT EXIST AND IMPUTE TO US MOTIVES THAT ARE COMPLETELY  
FALLACIOUS. THIS IS IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR WHICH CAN ONLY  
ACERBATE US-TANZANIAN RELATIONS.

3. MUGANDA READ CAREFULLY GUIDANCE. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY  
IMPRESSED AND SOMEWHAT SHAKEN. HE PROMISED TO FORWARD US  
STATEMENT TO FONMIN MALECELA WHO HE THOUGHT WOULD SEND IT ON  
TO STATE HOUSE.

4. MUGANDA THEN SAID THAT WHEN HE READ DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL  
APRIL 15, HE KNEW HE WOULD RECEIVE PROTEST FROM US SO HE  
ASKED FONMIN MALECELA FOR GUIDANCE. TANGOV POSITION IS THAT  
TANGOV INTENDS TO CRITICIZE ALL NATIONS THAT HAVE  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THIS IS PART OF OAU  
AGREED EFFORT TO TRY TO ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA AND THEREBY BRING  
END TO APARTHEID. IN NEXT FEW DAYS ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF  
FRANCE, GERMANY, HOLLAND AND QUOTE PERHAPS UNQUOTE UK WOULD  
ALSO BE CRITICIZED BY TANZANIAN PRESS. MUGANDA APOLOGIZED,  
HOWEVER, FOR INTEMPERATENESS OF EDITORIAL AND IMPLIED THAT  
TANGOV DID NOT HAVE ITS FACTS STRAIGHT. MUGANDA ADDED THAT  
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS PAST FONMIN HAS TRIED TO GET TWO FONMIN  
OFFICERS NAMED TO EDITORIAL BOARD TANGOV NEWSPAPERS (I.E.  
DAILY NEWS AND UHURU). MUGANDA HIMSELF AND J. MSOLOMI,  
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND RESEARCH IN FONMIN, ARE  
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CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN TAPPED. DECISION THIS MATTER  
EXPECTED MOMENTARILY. POOR HANDLING BY TANGOV OF THIS  
STORY AND FAILURE TO ACCREDIT TWO US NEWSMEN TO OAU  
CONFERENCE LAST WEEK FOR NO GOOD REASON, MUGANDA SAID,  
MAY HASTEN DECISION TO GET FONMIN VIEWS INTO MEDIA  
DECISIONS.

5. ASKED MUGANDA IN FUTURE TO CALL EMBASSY IF THERE IS

MISUNDERSTANDING OF US ACTION OR POLICY. URGED HE GIVE EMBASSY CHANCE TO DO ITS JOB BEFORE JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS. MUGANDA REPLIED, TO EXTENT HE COULD, HE WOULD DO SO, THOUGH UNTIL FONMIN HAS SOMEONE ON EDITORIAL BOARD OF TANZANIAN PRESS, WE AND FONMIN OFFICIALS MAY STILL HAVE OCCASIONAL RUDE SHOCKS FROM MORNING NEWSPAPER.

6. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT SANGUINE SINS OF TANGOV PRESS ARE NOW BEHIND US, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS ISSUE HAS FORCEFULLY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION SENIOR LEVELS OF TANGOV NEED FOR REMEDIAL CHANGES. CONCERNING SALE OF US ENRICHED URANIUM TO SOUTH AFRICA, WE HOPEFUL THAT IN THIS INSTANCE WE HAVE TAKEN STEAM OUT OF TANZANIAN SUSPICIONS OF U.S.-SOUTH AFRICA COOPERATION IN ATOMIC ENERGY. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO DEPT FOR PROMPT RECEIPT OF GUIDANCE. IT WAS TIMELY AND CONVINCING. NEVERTHELESS, WE EXPECT TANZANIAN SENSITIVENESS TO NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BE FACT WE WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH AND KEEP IN MIND.  
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